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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th/February, through Sunday, 19th/February there were 223 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3V, 3W, 3X, 3Y/p, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0T, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3Y0X NEWS

PETER I ISLAND DXPEDITION QRT. As your editor was putting the final touches on this week's bulletin, the 3Y0X DXpedition went QRT at 1813z on December 19th (Last contact was with K8LTG on 17m CW). According to their Web page the Peter I team reported at 1900z, February 18th: "The weather cleared sufficiently to offload even more of the 'ready to go' gear -

- and four Team Members! Gary/K9SG, Carlos/NP4IW, Wayne/KU4V and Robert/SP5XVY are all safely aboard the ship. The rest of us are working in consolidating loads for the helicopter and trying to elevate the QSO count even higher than the 81.9K Qs uploaded as of 1400utc today. Even though Gary/K9SG (our Team physician) is no longer on the island, we were able to persuade him to leave the defibrillator behind (just in case)!" QSL via N2OO. Remember, updates, pictures/videos and logs can be found on the 3Y0X Web page at:

http://www.peterone.com/

ADDED NOTE: Just before going to print, your editor checked the Peter One Web page one more time and saw the following: "This ham radio log contains 86,522 QSOs from 8-Feb-2006 0550Z through 19-Feb-2006 1100Z."

3Y0X QSO Statistics Band/Mode Breakdown

Band	SSB	CW	RTTY
160m	2	1312	0
80m	3358	2502	0
40m	5735	7117	0
30m	0	9053	1101
20m	13767	10373	1374
17m	7003	5949	689
15m	6339	3851	848
12m	1726	2034	0
10m	1602	782	1
6m	0	1	0
2m	0	1	0
Total	39532	42975	4013

(ed. GREAT JOB GUYS! Where are you going next?)

WHAT DXING IS ALL ABOUT? Congrats to John, W1BIH, a veteran DXer, for working the 3Y0X. "Why" you say does John get a special mention in the OPDX? John is 90 years old. He lives in a retirement community and sold his complete station last year when he moved. For John, Peter One Island is the last country John needs for DXCC, and he missed the last two Peter One Island DXpeditions. However, on Thursday, February 9th, Don, N1DG, picked up John and took him to his station. About thirty minutes later there was a big smile on John's face. You see, John has now worked his last country (335 current), and he can now get back on the top of the honor roll. "Oh", by the way, Peter I was his country number 390 (including deletes)! WOW!!!! Since then, John has worked 3YØX from his retirement community station on 20M CW with 100w and a G5RV strung from his window 20' above the ground. See John's QSO with 3Y0X at:

http://005d89a.netsolhost.com/videos/w1bih.htm

Congrats to the 3Y0X team for having a QSO with Commander Bill McArthur on the International Space Station, NA1SS, on February 13th. The 3Y0X QSO pushed McArthur's count of DXCC entities worked from space to 104. Read the story at:

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/02/14/4/

6W, SENEGAL

Peter, HA3AUI, continues to be active as 6W/HA3AUI until March 31st. His main focus will

be on 20/17 meters SSB, with some PSK and RTTY. However, he has also been heard on 15 meters. His operating does vary, but watch 20 meters after 1100z, 17 meters after 1600z and 15 meters after 1300z. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

9H, MALTA

Members of the Texas DX Society (TDXS) are pleased to announce their DXpedition to Malta (IOTA EU-023), March 1-8th. Team Malta members are: Cal/WF5W (9H3W), Steve/W9DX (9H3DX), Madison/W5MJ (9H3V), Don/N5DD (9H3RY), Bill/K5WAF (9H3WF), Mike/K5UO (9H3UO), Paul/W5PF (9H3PF) and Keith/NM5G (9H3KD). They will participate in the ARRL International DX Phone Contest, March 4-5th, as 9H3DX. During non-contest periods all 9H3 callsigns may be used, but primary activity will be 9H3DX on SSB, 9H3V on CW, 9H3RY on RTTY, and 9H3WF on PSK. They will be active on 80-10 meters and possibly 160m. QSL Manager is W5PF for all callsigns. Visit the TDXS Web site for more details and online log searches at:

http://www.tdxs.org

C6, BAHAMAS

Peter, W2IRT, will be in Nassau operating as C6/W2IRT for the week of March 4-10th. He plans to be on 17/20 meters for the most part using 100w and a dipole. This is a spare-time holiday operation. QSL via his home callsign; direct, by the bureau and LoTW.

CQIR (Ireland Calling: Preliminary Announcement: Win a trip to Ireland!)

In 2007, the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) celebrates their 75th anniversary of its founding in 1932. As part of its jubilee celebrations the Society is organizing an International Radio Contest, "CQIR - Ireland Calling". For this contest, references to Ireland means the island of Ireland and its offshore islands - both EI and GI. CQIR is a once-off event with a difference - overseas entrants with 75 or more QSOs have the opportunity to win a trip to Ireland. CQIR is a 24-hour, single-operator HF CW/SSB contest on the weekend of 29/30 September 2007. As this is the fifth full weekend in the month, there is no clash with any established event. CQIR is a celebration of both the IRTS Jubilee and the "Irish" amateur-radio community worldwide. It's where the Irish, at home and abroad, work the World - and where those of Irish descent identify themselves by including their ancestral county in the exchange, for example: County Limerick, County Antrim etc. Full rules and county codes will appear on the IRTS Web page at:

http://www.irts.ie

Also, free software will be provided to support CQIR.

CN2, MOROCCO

Brad, K7ZSD, will be active as CN2SD from March 20-28th. He will also be active in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via K7ZSD.

DAYTON HAMVENTION NEWS

George/W8UVZ and George/K8GG cordially invite all 160 meter enthusiasts to the Topband dinner gathering during the 2006 HamVention in Dayton on Friday night. This annual event brings together 160 meter operators from around the world for food, drink and camaraderie.

This year please note that the dinner location has changed due to the unexpected closing of Neil's Heritage House in Dayton. Here are the particulars:

> **Date:** May 19, 2006
> **Time:** Social Hour 6:15 PM (cash bar), Dinner 7:30 PM
> **QTH:** The Barnsider Restaurant (Near Hara Arena and Hamvention) 5202 North Main Street (Highway 48 just north of Needmore) Dayton, Ohio (937) 277-1332
> **Fare:** Salad, rolls and butter, dinner entree, dessert and beverage. Dinner entrees will include Grilled Salmon, Grilled Chicken Breast, Grilled Pork Chop and Tenderloin Beef Tips. (It will not be necessary to choose entree until arriving at restaurant).
> **Cost:** 29 USD each, in advance, which includes complete dinner, taxes and gratuities.

Reserve a seat and pay dinner cost to: George Taft W8UVZ, 271 Parkshore Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49014 (E-mail **w8uvz@voyager.net**). Reserve now and pay dinner charge by May 1st. Overseas visitors may pay at the door but need to reserve by E-mail (or airmail) now. This restaurant has limited space, so please make your reservations ASAP (have only 100 seats).

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, informs OPDX that the following are approved for DXCC credit:

R1MVC and R1MVW - Malyj Vysotskij Island (M-V Island)
Operation from 15-28th November (2005)

EI, IRELAND

Laci, HA0HW will fly to Ireland on February 24th and will spend a week near Dublin. He informs OPDX that he will try to operate with his "good-old travelling radio (FT-840) and well-tried fishing pole verticals." QSL EI/HA0HW via the HA Bureau or via **(QRZ.com)** address.

FR/G, GLORIOSO ISLANDS

Didier, F5OGL, informs that the Glorioso expedition (IOTA **AF-011**) previously planed from March 16th to April 7th is one more time postponed but still not cancelled. A TV reporter team could join the expedition. A new scheme is under work, and they will update their Web site as soon as possible at:

http://glorieuses2005.free.fr/

FY, FRENCH GUYANA (IOTA Op)

Operators Steve/MW0ZZK and Florent/F4CYZ will be on the air from the Island of Royale (**SA-020**) with the callsign TO7IR between February 23-27th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters on CW/SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via IZ8CCW (Antonio), direct or by the Bureau.

FY, FRENCH GUYANA

Operators Marc/F1HAR, Olivier/F5MZN, Laurent/F6FVY and Herve/F5HRY will be active as FY5KE in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via the Bureau or direct to CBA.

IOTA NEWS

AS-046. (Update OPDX.746) XYL Aniko, HA5TAA, from Budapest, Hungary, was rewarded a Far East trip by the company she works for and is expected to activate Tioman Island for about seven days out of her 14 day and 12 night trip between February 27th and March 12th. Look for 9M2/HA5TAA to be active on 20 meters SSB around March 3rd. Aniko has been a radio amateur for about four years. Her husband is also a radio amateur (5 years). His callsign is HA5AZZ. QSL via the HA QSL Bureau or via the address on **(QRZ.com)**.

JD1, OGASAWARA ISLANDS

Remember to look for operators Toru/JI5USJ and Makoto/JI5RPT to be active from the Island of Chichijima (AS-031) from now until February 28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters signing JD1BLX (Toru) on SSB/RTTY/CW and JD1BLY (Makoto) on CW. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1821, 3511, 7011, 10114, 14040, 18098, 21040, 24920 and 28040
SSB - 3795, 7050/7227, 14255, 18128, 21260, 24960 and 28460 kHz.

QSLs via their home callsign, Bureau is OK. More information is available online at:
http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/jd1

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL STATUS FOR 5N0/OK1AUT, 5N0ZKD, 5N99ZKD AND 5N0W. David, OK1RK (5N0ZKD and 5N0W), informs OPDX that he has done the last bundle of QSLs for the 5N0/OK1AUT, 5N0ZKD, 5N99ZKD and 5N0W operations during his stay in Nigeria. He mentions that anyone needing a QSL for these activities should send them in because this is the last call for them. PLEASE NOTE: David can ONLY confirm QSOs for his 5N0W operation for contacts between 1999 and May 2000. Contacts/QSOs made later belong to Vasek, OK1DXE. ALSO NOTE: David is not a member of OK QSL Bureau; therefore, send QSLs with a SAE to his postal address: David Klimosz, Paprskova 1339/10a, 14000 Praha 4, Czech Republic.

NEW ADDRESS. Charles Harpole, **K4VUD**, has announced that he has a "CHANGE OF ADDRESS - PERMANENT - EFFECTIVE FEB.23, 2006". The change will also effect the following callsigns: **HS0ZCW, 9N7UD, 9N1UD, A52UD, XW1UD, KG4FPK, AC4TT, VU3CHE, V26V and K4VUD**. His new address is: Charles Harpole, 5900 Baywater Dr., #506, Plano, TX 75093. He also mentioned, "Soon, I will file an alternate address in Thailand where I will be living for the indefinite future."

K7C QSL STATUS. Bob, KK6EK, K7C Expedition Leader, released the following statement about the K7C QSLs this past week: "Thanks for asking about the K7C Kure QSL cards. The cards are going out as we speak. Tom, N4XP, has worked through about 8 of the 40 trays. It will take several more weeks to complete it. If you have not yet sent in your cards, I strongly suggest the following: Go to the K7C website and check your QSOs against the online log using DXA

(**www.cordell.org/DXA**, click on the map and then log in with your callsign).
If there is any discrepancy between your personal log and what shows on DXA, I suggest you write to me. While I cannot change the K7C log, I can give you some good advice for

submitting your requests for QSL cards. If you logged onto DXA to watch the activity in real time, I would very much like to hear of your experience. Please go to the link **www.cordell.org/DXA**, and click on '2005 DXA SURVEY.' This will bring up a page with instructions and a small set of questions. If you will send your comments to me (**KK6EK@cordell.org**), I'll send you a nice certificate for being a "CHARTER DXA USER." Here is the QSL route: K7C KURE DXPEDITION 2005, c/o K4TSJ, Box 1, Watkinsville, GA 30677 Thanks to all for helping make K7C a great experience!"

QSL **T40C** via N1KI. Activity was by Winston/CO2WF and Dercel/CO2UG from Ciudad Habana, Cuba, during the ARRL International DX CW Contest.

RK2, KALININGRAD

Members of the "UA2 Contest Club" will be active as RK2FWA during the CQ WW 160 SSB Contest (February 25-26th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via DK4VW.

SPECIAL EVENT

Look for Australian special event stations to be active during the 18th Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia, with some 4,500 athletes from 70 countries competing. To celebrate this event, two special event callsigns will be aired: AX3MCG and AX3GAMES.

> **AX3MCG** - (Melbourne Commonwealth Games) will be active daily between March 1-31st, by operators David/VK3EW and Peter/VK3QI; aiming to achieve at least DXCC.
>
> **AX3GAMES** - A multi-operator roster will also activate this callsign generally active daily on all bands.

Special Commemorative QSLs for both callsigns will be available via the VK3 Bureau. AX3MCG and AX3GAMES are the only special event callsigns issued by Australian Communications and Media Authority to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. Individual VKs may also substitute the AX prefix during the games period.

SPECIAL EVENT

To commemorate 128th anniversary of the liberation of Bulgaria from Ottoman yoke by Russia, the Balkan Contest Club LZ1KZA (LZ5A) will operate with special event callsign LZ128LO from March 1-31st. Also, the special event callsign LZ128LO counts 10 points for "St. Teodosii Tyrnovski Award"

(For details, visit: **http://www.balkanclub.8m.com**).

QSL to LZ1KZA via the Bureau or direct to: P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, BULGARIA.

SV5, DODECANESE

Willi, DJ7RJ, will be active as SV5/DJ7RY from the Island of KOS (**EU-001**) between February 26th and March 18th. Most of the activity will be on the lower bands. QSL to his home callsign.

T68, AFGHANISTAN

Johnny, LA5IIA, is back in Kabul and is active again as T68G. He was heard this past week on

20 meters SSB and 17 meters CW. The length of his stay is not known. QSL via LA4YW.

TG, GUATEMALA

Operators Francisco/TG9ANF and Sergio/TG8AOV will be active as TG9ANF in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th). QSL via TG9ANF. Visit Francisco's Web page at:

http://geocities.com/tg9anf

TG, GUATEMALA

Operators Mario/TG9ADQ, Sergio/TG9SM, Marcos/EA1APV, Julio/TG9ATG, Edgar/TG9AXF and Francisco/TG9ANF will be active as TG7M in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th). QSL via EA1APV. Activity will take place from the "Reserve of the Mayan Biosphere", which is located in the north part of Guatemala, in the frontier zone with Mexico and Belize. It is part of the Mayan Forest. Its biological wealth is characterized by a complex cosystem of forest, with great flora species and abundance of fauna.

V7, MARSHALL ISLAND

You have a few more days to work Ikou, JL1WQO, as V73WQ until February 22nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY. Most of his activity during the past weekend was on 20/17/15 meters SSB. QSL is OK via the Bureau or direct.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Just a reminder! Look for Jim/G3RTE and Phil/G3SWH to be active as VP2V/G6AY from Anegada Island (NA-023) between February 23rd and March 1st. Operation will be primarily CW on 80-10 meters but with some SSB and the possibility of some 160 meters CW operation. They will have two 100 watt stations and hope to be on the air as much as possible, propagation permitting. QSL via G3SWH with SAE and adequate return postage, via E-mail for a bureau reply **phil@g3swh.demon.co.uk** or via the RSGB bureau.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

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Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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Unsubscribe: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:unsubscribe

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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